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U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES NOMINATIONS
GENERAL INFORMATION

Senator Kyl nominates candidates statewide. He uses the competitive method of nominating applicants to the U.S. Service Academies. Each Member of Congress may nominate ten candidates each year to each of the following academies: **U.S. Air Force Academy** in Colorado Springs, Colorado, **U.S. Merchant Marine Academy** in Kings Point, New York, **U.S. Military Academy** in West Point, New York, and **U.S. Naval Academy** in Annapolis, Maryland. Note: Applicants wishing to attend the **U.S. Coast Guard Academy** do not need a nomination and must apply directly to the academy.

Candidates may first apply for a Congressional nomination in their junior year of high school. A candidate must be a U.S. citizen, age 17 to 23 (age 17 to 25 for the Merchant Marine) as of July 1 of the year entering the academy and maintain a permanent Arizona residence. If a student is under 18 years of age, the parents' permanent state of residence must be Arizona. You may also apply after completing high school. College credits are not transferable, however if you receive a nomination and an appointment, you will be tested and placed at an appropriate academic level upon entering the academy.

Strong math and science courses in high school help prepare students for academy curriculum. Consideration is given to academic record, class rank, extra-curricular activities, SAT/ACT test scores and leadership experiences.

It is recommended that students take the SAT and/or the ACT tests early and as often as possible. The academy considers the highest test score received in each category (Math and Verbal/ English), regardless of when that score was received. If you wait until your high school senior year to take the tests, you may not have the opportunity to retake them if your scores are not at a competitive level. Results must be received in Senator Kyl's Phoenix office by the October deadline of the year *prior* to entering the academy. Senator Kyl's SAT Code is #0230, ACT Code is #7105.

Candidates are also required to open a file with the desired academy/academies. Upon opening a file with the academy, candidates who meet the academy's academic standards are scheduled for a physical fitness test and a medical examination by the Department of Defense Medical Evaluation Review Board (DoDMERB). Most tests and exams are scheduled to be completed at a nearby military facility and it will take thirty to sixty days before the results are received and reviewed by DoDMERB.

A candidate file will be opened in Senator Kyl's Phoenix office upon receipt of a completed application form which must include a small photo of the applicant. An official high school transcript, including cumulative GPA and class rank, will be

required. The application packet will include additional information and a check list for all required items.

If the applicant's file with Senator Kyl is complete, he/she has opened a file with the desired academy/academies, and meets the minimum competitive nomination standards, a personal interview will be scheduled. Senator Kyl's Academy Screening Committee interviews the candidates on one day only, usually in early to mid-November.

The academy Screening Committee recommends and submits a slate of ten nominees to each academy. It is each academy's final decision as to who will receive an appointment. Although Senator Kyl is only guaranteed one appointment by each academy, frequently several of his nominees receive appointments.

It is very important to apply through as many nominating sources as possible. This will increase your opportunity for a nomination. **ONLY ONE NOMINATION IS REQUIRED** in order for an academy to offer you an appointment.

To request an application form, contact Senator Kyl's Phoenix office at: 2200 East Camelback Road, Suite 120, Phoenix, Arizona 85016. Applicants must provide their full name, address, telephone number, date of birth, name of high school and year of graduation. Due to privacy issues, applications may not be made via the internet.

Questions? Please feel free to call Senator Kyl's Phoenix office at (602) 840-1891.